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Mr. Jeff Koenings  
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
600 Capitol Way N  
Olympia, WA 98501-1091

Dear Mr. Koenings,

As Chairman of the Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group (RFEG) Advisory Board, I am submitting this letter in support of WDFW's "Restore Our Salmon" License Plate (Z-0124) proposal to be submitted for legislative review. This proposal could serve as a substantial revenue stream to aggressively expand the *on-the-ground salmon recovery and restoration activities* conducted throughout Washington State, by the 14 RFEG's. As you know, the RFEG program was created by the Washington State Legislature in 1990 as a means of including citizens in salmon and steelhead enhancement.

Throughout more than a decade of working within Washington State communities, the RFEG program has proven itself to be highly effective in facilitating community involvement and performing on-the-ground salmon restoration projects. Additional financial resources are needed to further the progress of this already effective on-the-ground program.

Thank you in advance for your attention on this issue. Please feel welcome to contact me, via Dianne Ludwig at WDFW (360-902-2252), at your discretion.

Sincerely,

Paul Szewczykowski  
RFEG Advisory Board, Chair

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cc: Mr. Larry Peck, Deputy Director, WDFW  
Mr. Larry Zalaznik, President, RFEG Coalition  
Ms. Dianne Ludwig, WDFW/RFEG Program  
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